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NISEI LOOKS FOREWARD

During February, we pause to pay our tribute to Lincoln and Washington. These were the men of faith. They were builders of America.

Who saw any possibility in Lincoln? Living in a backwoods country with less than a year of actual schooling, who would have foreseen Lincoln as president? Through the influence of his kind mother, honest "Abe Lincoln" wasted no time. He would walk miles to secure a good book. He made himself familiar with the Bible. To the amusement of other children, he frequently got on the stump and tried to repeat what he had heard at the church service. He prayed. He took keen interest in his fellowmen. He wanted to help them and to be of service. Through poverty, he was "fenced-in" the backwoods country, but he grasped and used every opportunity for self-development.

Let no nisei lament his camp life. Let us become more familiar with the Bible and devotional books. Prayer is a necessity. Let us not wait until we get into danger or trouble before we realize that. Prayer puts sparkle into life. Prayer makes us to look forward without fear. It brings joy.

Look forward to the life "on the outside".....but we better become prepared to face difficult situations. We need to gain "inner fortitude". We will grow in Christian life by sharing our experiences. Have you ever told anybody that you are glad that you are a Christian? Ask your pal what it means for him to be a Christian. Jesus is our best Friend---give a good word for Him daily.

Those of you "on the outside", are you advancing forward in Christian life? Away from your pastor, friends, and parents, are you still attending church and keeping up your daily devotions? We hope you are. We trust that the church bulletins which you have been getting regularly from our camp is helping you. It is a constant reminder that our members and pastors here are thinking and praying with and for you.

SEEN 'N HEARD

DR. W. M. GARROTT: "You know, Useto....."

MARY IGE: "The Earnesteens will....."

BILL IKEMOTO: "Where's my usher?"

IDA ARIMURA: "Am I supposed to lead?"

EDITH ANN GRISWOLD: Famous for dimples.

YURI NAKAMICHI: "Oh, get Mr.....he's lots of fun."

TEIKO ASAKI: "Did any material come in for the Transmitter.....Where's the news?"

RUTH NIIYA: "I can't read a letter but that I watch for typing errors."

SHOZO WATANABE: "Where's the other boys?"

MRS. MERRILL ZIEGLER: "Now, my homeroom girls will....."

VIRGINIA SHIRAISHI: "Got any picture post cards?"

BETTE KIRA: "Look what Tom sent me....."

BEAN TAKEDA: "You ought to visit New Orleans."

HIROSHI FUJITA: "Ah now, you know me!"

C. Y. F. chorus: "Can we go to Porncliff again?"

MY BIBLE

The Bible, as little as I know of it and understand it, is the greatest and most sacred book to me. The Bible offers what no other book can. The more I read it and try to understand its contents, it brings me to closer fellowship with God. I think it's the kind of attitude a person has toward the Bible, whether it is just a sacred book or something more than that. If one goes to the Bible with his heart open to the spirit and with a desire to find God and His will, I'm sure there will be no disappointment. The Bible tells us how to find God and by following its direction, we actually find it and God comes into our heart.

In the Old Testament, it reveals that whenever people kept God in all that they did, they succeeded. Otherwise, the failed; so we can see that God actually guides us and asks that we trust and put faith in Him. Especially in the New Testament, it shows me the One who walked this earth and hung on the cross that He might save such sinner as I. It not only points out my sins but shows how I can repent and live a new life.

It teaches us how we can build true Christian character. It shows us how to live among men--in a Christian way. Many of the passages challenge me to do more for the Lord.

All in all, it is a book of faith, hope, love, of comfort, holiness, power of salvation and eternal life. It is a sure guide to a righteous living.

--by Miyoko Masada

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I AM A SHEEP..

I am a sheep in green pastures besides the still water. One day I put my head through the fence and pushed myself out to the other side of the fence. I wandered on and on; but I did not know where I was going.

I did not know how to go back to the green pastures. I was lost in a strange country, but I did not realize that I was lost. I was weary and wan, and my feet were sore. I was hungry and thirsty and felt faint. My thick wool became unclean and heavy with dust. It became so dirty, but I could not clean myself. A flock of little black birds sat on my back and picked at me. After a while they made a hole in my back and ate my flesh; but I could not chase them away. I lost all my strength and could not wander on. I couldn't even raise my voice to say "ma-ma". I just lay there helplessly.

The night was coming on and I heard the bark of wolves, but I had no strength to run away. He, the wolf, has come! He was just about to eat me up, but he saw the mark on my forehead. He shut his big mouth and went away. My master, the Great Shepherd, has come. He picked me up on to His shoulder and carried me back home.

He fed me. He washed me. He healed me. He let me lay in the green pastures beside the still water.

I was a foolish, helpless, and an unclean sheep, but I know I am a sheep in His green pasture. I am branded on my forehead. It is the mark that protected me from the mouth of a wolf. The Lord is my owner. Whosoever feel weak, helpless, and foolish just like me, you can say with me, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." He said to His Father: "Those that Thou gavest me I have kept and none of them lost." We depend on the Lord that we shall never be lost from Him.

--by Rev. M. Kakihara

CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE

Jesus is calling for you today.
Won't you heed His call?
Following Him throughout each new day,
Giving Him your all.

If you would take Him as saviour true
On the upward way,
Trust in Him always in all you do;
Come to Him today.

We have all sinned and gone astray
Putting Christ aside.
Return to God and the Christlike way,
Trust in Him as guide.

Daily we're challenged to live the life
Truly we'd like to be;
Candles that shine in all fear and strife
Shining, Lord, for Thee.

Oh, God, we give Thee our souls anew
Mold our lives to be
Always so loyal, so kind and true,
Winning souls for Thee.

--by Dolores Jones

Written during "CHRISTIAN CHALLENGE WEEK" while attending college.

DEATH BEFORE LIFE

Death, I think, is really life,
The living I'd call dead;
To end the human, mortal strife,
And in new paths be led.

Death, I think, is beautiful
A new and happy home;
To live then with the Father,
And away you'll never roam.

Death, I know, brings sorrow,
And often drops a tear;
Then you think your end has come,
And it's only life that's near.

---by Teg Hagstrom

When so many of our friends and relatives are dying on the battlefronts today, may we have the faith and vision as shown in this poem written by a 10 year old boy.

OUR FRIENDS SAY ——

WALTER SAITO: "I received an inspiring letter from Fred Suzukawa, and was quite glad to realize the fruit of Christian endeavor bearing among our friends, who have taken Christ as their standard bearer and who are firmly following in His footsteps....How is Henry Ikemoto and his work among the comrades and in camp, where his strength in the faith can so increase and add stature to his spirit and character. More power to him and the rest of those who are prayerfully adding to the Christian followers....My sincere regards to the rest of my dear friends in camp..." 914 Lincoln St., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

HIROSHI UYEHARA: "There are about 500 nisei and issei in this area...The issei gather together every Sunday at the Fellowship House for worship. Sermons are delivered by Boko Tsuchiyama, Roy Hasegawa, and Rev. Nishimura from New York City. Nisei are urged to attend various local churches." Hiroshi and Yuri Uyehara are at 1747 N. 15th St., Philadelphia.

HARUKO MATSUSHITA: "Yesterday I had a wonderful fellowship with the Lord and the Christian folks up here...we attended a church rally at Little Falls...I've never felt that the Lord needed me more than ever since the time I accepted the Lord publicly in the simple church at Rohwer... Did I tell you that I was teaching Sunday School at the Mission Church where I attended?" 823 First Ave. S., St. Cloud, Minn.

GRAYCE KANEDA: "Speaking engagements and meetings are coming fast...I went to Bethlehem, Penn., to speak at the Cathedral Church of Nativity....Recently, I spoke to 500 girls committed by court to Sleighton Farm for Girls at their chapel service. These girls come from broken homes and some are juvenile delinquents....I'll be waiting to hear of relocation trends from you there so we in Philadelphia will know in what direction we can help." 1431 Brown St., Philadelphia 30, Penn.